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Dear Mr. Kaiser,

Thank you for your letter of February 8, which I am sorry to answer with a considerable delay. Concerning your request of the Hfr strain, on which you would like to test the effect on fertility of traces of broth, I think the problems concerning the behaviour of Hfr are still so unsettled, that it would help further research if its distribution were withheld for the moment. I have made an agreement in this connection with Dr. Lederberg, who has also a copy of the strain.

Reprints will be sent as soon as available.

Yours truly,

L.L. Cavalli